August, 1991 because of the strike by Delhi High Court Bar Association protesting against the move to raise pecuniary jurisdiction of lower courts to Rs. 5 lakhs;

(b) whether the Delhi Bar Association has threatened a counter agitation if pecuniary jurisdiction is not raised; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) As per the information available by the Registrar Delhi High Court, the Delhi High Court Bar Association is on strike since 26th August, 1991 because they fear that the Bill for raising pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Courts to Rs. 5 lakhs is being passed without simultaneously dividing Delhi into five judicial districts inspite of repeated promises by the Government and although it is in the interest of the litigant public of Delhi.

(b) Yes Sir. The Delhi Bar Association is on strike since 30th August, 1991.

(c) The Government is of the view that the interest of the litigant public of Delhi should be the main criterian in effecting changes. Accordingly, the Government is actively considering bringing measures for the implementation of both the proposals *i.e.* raising of pecuniary jurisdiction of Delhi Courts and the bifurcation of Delhi into five judicial districts.

Bank's Cooperative in Boosting Hausing Activities

1232. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy for boosting activities in the country particularly in the metropolitan cities including the Union Territory of Delhi, has received full co-operation from the Scheduled Commercial Banks and other financial institutions in providing credit to different individuals for housing purposes on liberal terms and conditions as on date;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued recently some orders/ instructions to different scheduled commercial banks including State Bank of India for impounding their incremental deposits upto 60 per cent and not to sanction/release the housing loan to different individuals even upto a limit of Rs. 80,000/- and

(d) if so, what is the manner in which the Government's policy for giving priority to the housing will get a impetus in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been progressive increase in the housing finance disbursed by the commercial banks. The overall housing finance target is linked to growth in bank deposits and banks are advised to compute their respective shares at 1.5 per cent of their incremental deposits of the current year over that of the previous year. With a view to ensure adequate direct lending for housing to individuals or groups of individuals including cooperative societies, Reserve Bank of India have advised the commercial banks that atleast 30 per cent of the total allocation for housing should be reserved for direct lending. Further 30 per cent of the allocation is required to be by way of term loans to housing finance companies, housing boards and other public housing agencies. The balance 40 per cent of the allocation will be available for subscription to the guaranteed bonds and debentures to National Housing Bank and Housing & Urban Development Corporation. Accordingly, the housing finance target for 1988, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was Rs. 225 crores, Rs. 322 crores and Rs. 387 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that there are no orders|instructions to commercial banks, including State Bank of India, not to sanction|release housing loans to individuals.

Environmental Clearance for Establishing of Hotels in Madhya Pradesh

1233. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for establishing hotels|resorts in various parts of the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, how many hotel projects have been given clearance from the Environmental point of view by Government;

(c) how many such hotel projects were from the State of Madhya Pradesh and out of them how many have been given clearance by Government; and

(d) by when the rest of the projects are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eighteen projects from Goa have been granted approval in the last two years. No hotel project from Madhya Pradesh has been referred for environmental consideration so far.

(d) No hotel project is pending.

Air and noise pollution near the Major Hospitals in Delhi

1234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major hospitals, viz., Safdarjang, A.I.I.M.S., Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Sucheta Kripalani and Kalawati Saran in the capital are situated near busy roads which causes air and noise pollution at the maximum level in these hospitals; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the air quality survey, the air pollution levels in Delhi are by and large within the prescribed limits. While the levels of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are well within the limits, the levels of suspended particulate matter are on the higher side.

According to the ambient noise level survey, the ambient noise levels in the hospital area range between 63 and 69 decibels (A scale) against the prescribed standards of 50. The hospital are located in busy inter-sections with high traffic density.

(b) The remedial action taken and proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, include:—

(1) The Ministry of Surface Transport have advised the various State Transport Directorates including the Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration, to enforce the gross emission standards notified under the Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

(2) The Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration have launched an education and awareness camping.

(3) Checking facilities have been provided to assess pollution from vehicles as well as facilities for rectification by tuning of the engine.

(4) Ambient air quality standards have been notified.

(5) Ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different areas have been prescribed. Noise limits have also been prescribed for automobiles domestic appliances and con-